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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, ACTIVITY 02.05-
1113, ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF UNGULATES IN THE ARCTIC
AND SUBARCTIC.

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED 3-3-78 TO
DR. V.V. KRINITSKY, MAIN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION,
MINAG, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV, HYDROMET, AND TO DR. E.E.
SEROECHKOVSKY, CENTRAL LABORATORY OF NATURE CONSERVATION.

2. 02.05-1113 3-3-78

DR. V. V. KRINITSKY
MAIN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
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DEAR VASILI VASILEVICH:

IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF U.S. AND SOVIET DELEGA-

TIONS FOR AREA V SIGNED IN MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 7, 1978, IT WAS INDICATED THAT ACTIVITY 02.05-2104, ECOLOGY AND MANAGE-

MENT OF UNGULATES IN THE ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC, WOULD BECOME ACTIVITY 02.05-1113. THAT IS, THE UNGULATE ACTIVITY WAS MOVED FROM PROJECT 02.05-21, PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS TO PROJECT 02.05-11, CONSERVATION OF WILD SPECIES OF FLORA AND FAUNA. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY ON THIS PROJECT WITH YOU IN THE COMING YEAR.

3. REGARDING EXCHANGES SLATED TO TAKE PLACE IN ACTIVITY 02.05-1113, IT WAS INDICATED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE THAT ONE OR TWO SOVIET SPECIALISTS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN WILD REINDEER RESEARCH WILL VISIT THE U.S. FOR THREE WEEKS IN JUNE 1978. THE SOVIET SIDE HAD INDICATED THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE A STATEMENT OUTLINING SPECIFIC INTERESTS FOR THIS PROPOSED VISIT BY JANUARY 1. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM YOU AND NEED THIS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO PLAN A TRIP PROGRAM.

4. IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IT WAS FURTHER INDICATED THAT THE US SIDE WOULD SUPPLY THE SOVIET SIDE WITH DETAILS OF THIS EXCHANGE BY NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1. DAVID KLEIN, U.S. ACTIVITY COORDINATOR, HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVIDED US WITH A TENTATIVE PROGRAM THAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION TO MEET INTERESTS OF SOVIET BIOLOGISTS. THESE MUST BE SPECIFIED BY NO LATER THAN 20 MARCH.

5. THE PROPOSED ITINERARY INCLUDES ARRIVAL BY SOVIET DELEGATION FIRST WEEK IN JUNE. DETAILS FOLLOW:

DAY 1 ARRIVE NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON, D.C.

DAY 2 TRAVEL TO FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

DAY 3 VISIT FACILITIES OF ALASKA COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE

RESEARCH UNIT AND INSTITUTE OF ARCTIC BIOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, UNIVERSITY HERBARIUM, MUSEUM, ETC. DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PLANNED COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, FIELD METHODOLOGY, ETC.

DAY 4 FLY TO DRIFTWOOD FIELD STATION WITH DR. KLEIN

DAY 5 -10 CARRY OUT FIELD RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH DR. KLEIN AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES OF THE ALASKA COOPERATIVE

WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT.

1. OBSERVATION OF HABITAT SELECTION BY CARIBOU, DESCRIPTION OF PLANT COMMUNITIES UTILIZED.
2. OBSERVATION OF PLANT SPECIES AND PARTS BEING UTILIZED, COLLECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FORAGE SAMPLES FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSES.
3. RECORD PLANT PHENOLOGY
4. RECORD DAILY FEEDING SEQUENCES AND ESTIMATE ENERGETICS ASSOCIATED WITH FEEDING.

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DAY 11-13 WORK OUT OF DRIFTWOOD CAMP WITH ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME BIOLOGISTS INVOLVED IN CARIBOU POPULATION BIOLOGY STUDIES. INCLUDES AERIAL COUNTS OF CALF PRODUCTION, SEX AND AGE COMPOSITION COUNTS, ASSESSMENT OF MORTALITY, ETC.

DAY 14 RETURN TO FAIRBANKS

DAY 15 SORT AND CATALOG SPECIMENS AND FIELD DATA. DISCUSS WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

DAY 16-19 VISIT FIELD STUDY SITES IN MT. MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK WHERE BIOLOGISTS OF THE ALASKA COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT ARE INVESTIGATING THE ECOLOGY OF CARIBOU RANGE. FOCUS OF RESEARCH IS ON FLORAL CHARACTERISTICS AND CONDITION OF WINTER RANGE AND PATTERNS OF SEASONAL RANGE USE.

MEET WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BIOLOGISTS INVOLVED IN STUDIES OF MOVEMENTS AND POPULATION DYNAMICS OF CARIBOU USING RADIO TRANSMITTING NECK COLLARS AND AERIAL AND GROUND TRACKING TECHNIQUES. TAKE PART IN FIELD MONITORING OF RADIO COLLARED CARIBOU. VIEW OTHER WILDLIFE SPECIES IN THE NATIONAL PARK, INCLUDING MOOSE (ALCES ALCES), MT. SHEEP (OVIS DALLI), GRIZZLY BEARS (URSUS ARCTOS).

DAY 20 VIA TRAIN TO ANCHORAGE

DAY 21 VISIT WITH BIOLOGISTS OF STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN CARIBOU AND RELATED RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT.

DAY 22 ANCHORAGE TO NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON.
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DAY 23 RETURN TO USSR

PLEASE INDICATE ASAP IF SUCH A VISIT IS ACCEPTABLE AND

SPECIFY DATES OF ARRIVAL AND SPECIALISTS TRAVELLING SO
THAT PLANNING ON THIS SIDE CAN BEGIN. KLEIN INDICATED
THAT SOVIET TEAM SHOULD ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 4 JUNE.

6. I SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN FACILITATING THIS
MATTER. SINCERELY, GERARD A. BERTRAND. VANCE

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